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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Kenji Yamagami

Application No.: 09/618,202

Filed: July 18, 2000

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
ENCRYPTION AND DECRYPTION IN  
REMOTE DATA STORAGE SYSTEMS

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In response to the Office Action mailed February 18, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 7 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 14 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 15 of this paper.